

APPROVED MAY 19, 2005

## **INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY INTERVENTIONS**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2005**

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hedy Hansen, Chair; Jim Bellotti; Arleen Downing, M.D.; Gretchen Hester; Rick Ingraham; Beverley Morgan-Sandoz; Raymond M. Peterson, M.D.; Marie Kanne Poulsen, Ph.D.; Debbie Sarmento

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Theresa Rossini

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

See Attachment A.

#### **RECORDERS:**

Cheri Schoenborn  
Sharon Rea Zone

#### **OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Hedy Hansen, Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Executive Committee Members, ICC staff, and members of the audience provided self-introductions. Melissa Campos was introduced as new staff to the ICC. Ms. Campos is working half time for DDS and will be handling ICC travel claims and providing other support services to the ICC Staff Manager.

#### **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2004 MEETING MINUTES:**

The Executive Committee minutes summarizing the November 18, 2004 meeting were approved as written.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN REVIEW:**

Committee chairs provided a brief status report about their committee's progress in developing recommendations. Executive Committee members discussed the importance of sharing the recommendations for the identified priority areas with members from all four committees. This will allow the committees to dialog about each recommendation, gain a deeper understanding of the thinking that lead to the idea, and determine where there are overlaps. A decision was made to hold an interim Executive Committee meeting in June for the purpose of reviewing the recommendations and determining how they affect other ICC committees. The Executive Committee will conduct a conference call to discuss the logistics associated with the interim Executive Committee meeting.

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**REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 25, 2005 ICC AGENDA:**

The Executive Committee reviewed the agenda. No revisions were recommended.

**2005 ICC AGENDAS:**

The Executive Committee discussed topic ideas for presentations for each of the remaining meetings in 2005. The May meeting will include a presentation from the Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA). Debbie Sarmento is coordinating this presentation that will address their activities and strategic plan. Topic recommendations for other meetings include Kathy Hebbeler and Donna Spiker presenting on the National Early Intervention Longitudinal Study and the USC Dental School on young children's dental health. Staff will check into the availability of these presenters.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Most of the team has been selected for the Parent Leadership Institute sponsored by the National Parent Leadership Development Project for ICCs, which will be held in San Francisco, May 12–15, 2005. In accordance with the guidelines, the team will consist of five ICC parents, Gretchen Hester (lead contact), Ed Gold, Susan Graham and Angela McGuire and one professional, Marie Kanne Poulsen. The team is awaiting confirmation from a final parent member. At the institute, State teams will participate in training activities around diversity, reciprocal outreach, facilitation and communication methods, personal leadership styles, and the development of team plans to be implemented "back home."

Congratulations were given to Linda Landry who was identified as the recipient of the ICC's first annual "Parent Award." This year's nomination process was expedited to coincide with the nomination request from the National Part C Coordinators Association for a parent award to be presented in conjunction with the national OSEP conference held in February. Hedy Hansen and the Public Awareness Committee will head an ad hoc committee to develop selection criteria and procedures for future ICC Parent Awards. ICC members and community representatives, especially those members from an FRC, interested in participating on the ad hoc committee are encouraged to contact Hedy Hansen. The target date for completion of Parent Award selection criteria and procedures is May 2005.

March is Early Start month. DDS staff were commended for obtaining the Governor's Proclamation so early this year.

Membership issues that were discussed included an inquiry into appointments by the Governor. There is no new information about appointments at this time, however, Rick Ingraham will check with DDS Legislative Affairs to find out more information, if available.

Members inquired about what is happening in regards to referrals required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and now the Individuals with Disabilities Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA 2004). It was reported that the Department of Social

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Services has a process in place for referring all children removed from their home due to abuse and neglect, but they are re-examining the process to ensure that it addresses those children who remain in their homes. DDS and DSS staff are meeting on the Interagency Agreement and will be looking at these issues in that process. It is also hoped that the new IDEA 2004 Part C Regulations will provide more information about this new requirement.

Rick Ingraham reported that DDS collaborated with CDE on the development of a new outreach brochure to replace existing brochures used for outreach. A systematic roll-out process, designed to monitor the impact of the brochure, is planned.

Members discussed the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004; this reauthorization of the IDEA becomes effective July 1, 2005. Hearings to gather input for the proposed regulations were currently underway at various sites around the country. It was noted that there are many issues involving Part B, however, Part C changes are not that extensive. Although Part C changes are few, it is important that California submits input and asks questions. When the federal draft regulations are released, everyone is encouraged to review and comment as this will be the next opportunity to address proposed changes and additions to the regulations.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.